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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV VIEWS CONCERNING UPCOMING SPECIAL UNGA

1. SENATOR PERASON TOOK OCCASION OF HIS FEBRUARY 27 MEETING WITH DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER VRATUSA TO ASK WHAT RESULTS GOY HOPES FOR FROM APRIL 9 SPECIAL UNGA ON ENERGY PROBLEMS (VRATUSA IS TOP GOY EXPERT IN FIELD OF MULTILATERAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS AND HAS RECENTLY WRITTEN SERIES OF PROMINENT ARTICLES ON MEETING ENERGY-RELATED INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC CRISIS, REFERENCE BELGRADE A-111, FEB 28).

2. VRATUSA BEGAN BY EXPRESSING WELL KNOWN GOY VIEW THAT ENERGY PROBLEM SHOULD ONLY BE DISCUSSED IN WIDEST FORUM INVOLVING ALL AFFECTED COUNTRIES AND IN BROAD CONTEXT OF DEVELOPED-UNDERDEVELOPED COUNTRY RELATIONSHIPS. EXISTING WORLD ECONOMIC MACHINERY DOESN'T WORK, HE SAID, AND NEW ECONOMIC RELATIONSHIPS MUST BE ESTABLISHED TO NARROW GAP. HE MENTIONED GENERAL PREFERENCES FOR INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS WELL AS PLAN FOR GIVING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES EXTRA IMF DRAWING RIGHTS.

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3. VRATUSA SAID GOY PLANS FOR UPCOMING GA NOT YET FIRM BUT THAT IT SHOULD (1) EXAMINE SOURCES PRESENT DIFFICULT WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATION, (2) RECOMMEND REMEDIAL STEPS, (3) CITE EXISTING INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES (HE MENTIONED UNCTAD, WORLD BANK, UNESCO, AMONG OTHERS) WHICH CAN CONTRIBUTE TO IMPLEMENTATION.

4. WHEN IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THIS WOULD RESULT ONLY IN GENERAL RECOMMENDATION FOR LONG TERM ACTION AND WOULD NOT RESOLVE URGENT PROBLEM OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FACED WITH STAGGERING ENERGY BILLS NOW, VRATUSA SAID STEPS COULD BE TAKEN QUICKLY OUTSIDE UN FRAMEWORK TO MEET THIS SPECIFIC PROBLEM. AS EXAMPLES, HE MENTIONED AND PRAISED IDEAS SUCH AS IRANIAN PROPOSAL FOR DEVELOPMENT FUND FINANCED BY OIL-PRODUCING AND INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES, ARAB COUNTRIES' MOVE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL AID TO AFRICAN NATIONS, AND ALGIERS CONFERENCE INITIATIVES IN THIS SECTOR. AT THE SAME TIME HE ENVISAGED CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR HELP WHICH MIGHT COME OUT OF UPCOMING UNGA, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATION THAT GENEROUS CREDITS BE GIVEN TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE HEAVY PETROLEUM IMPORTERS AND THAT OIL PRODUCERS' SALE PROCEEDS BE USED TO EXPAND WORLD OIL PRODUCTION.

5. COMMENT: VRATUSA CLAIMED GOY IS NOT YET READY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS. UNDOUBTEDLY GOY IDEAS WILL NOT JELL UNTIL AFTER UPCOMING NONALIGNED COUNTRY CONSULTATIONS.
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